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Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All Participants:

(1) R. Alexander Smith.

(2) Robert Schaap.

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Date of Interview: 29 March 2006

Time: 5:00 pm EST

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

ALL

Claims discussed:

1-34

Prior art documents discussed:

Hensler et al., Chien, Gehweiler et al., Castle et al., Sanders, Phillips

Part II.

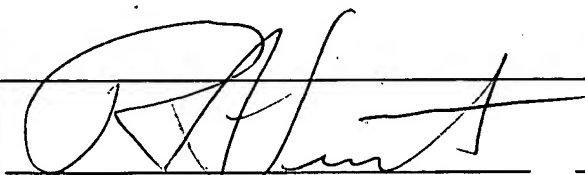
SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.



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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:

In a telephonic conversation on March 29, 2006, Examiner Smith conferred with Mr. Schaap regarding the claims in general and held a discussion with regard to the claims and a lack of structure therein. In the discussion the examiner proposed a draft of claim language that had structure and appeared to be applicable as a rough base for the claims of this application, i.e., 10/635,871, and also potentially to applications 10/633,480 and 09/758,934.

Proposed claim for consideration as a rough starting point for claim construction is as follows:

1. A personnel guidance and location control system for guiding a group of pedestrian individuals into a line thereof a relatively narrow pedestrian pathway and controlling movement thereof and to an activity beyond the end of that pathway, said guidance and location control system comprising:
 - a) at least one ground cover substrate for disposition on a ground surface;
 - b) at least one elongate element associated with said cover substrate and for securement at a fixed location thereon, said at least one elongate element comprising wait state indicia, said wait state indicia defining said fixed location as an end of a line for a queue of individuals;
 - c) a pair of spaced apart rows of a plurality of small discrete path forming elements associated with said ground cover substrate in fixed locations thereon relative to the elongate element and extending from opposite ends of the elongate element creating a pair of spaced apart pathway boundaries to define the pedestrian pathway of movement for the queue of individuals;
 - d) said at least one substrate having a width adapted to arrange said group of pedestrian individuals into a line of individuals; and
 - e) at least one movement indicator element located on the at least one substrate, said at least one movement indicator indicating a movement direction along said at least one substrate which leads to said at least one elongate element;
 - f) wherein said at least one substrate having said at least one elongate element, said pair of spaced apart rows, said width and said at least one movement indicator form a means for queuing said group of pedestrian individuals into said line of individuals along said at least one substrate to said at least one elongate element having said wait state indicia.